



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 1978

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

- WHEREAS: The Morality in Media of Massachusetts, Inc. has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to deny the license renewal of WGBH-Channel 2, and
- WHEREAS: The petition to deny the license renewal charges that WGBH "has failed in its responsibility to the community by consistently broadcasting offensive, vulgar material", and
- WHEREAS: The material which is broadcast by the station is "in no way" forbidden by the FCC, therefore if such prohibition were attempted, it would "clearly offend" both the Communications Act and the First Amendment to the Constitution, and
- WHEREAS: Channel 2 has, since its inception in the 50's, displayed, in the opinion of thousands of viewers, excellent programming. The fact that viewers support the station financially is proof enough of the worth of the programming, and
- WHEREAS: The public in general should be up in arms because of this unjust defamation against a station that is considered a family viewing station because of its programming which includes cultural and educational programs, also programs involving community participation, and
- WHEREAS: Channel 2 goes to the people, who are the viewers and gets opinions from various groups as to their feelings regarding various programs, and
- WHEREAS: Channel 2 survives from various grants and viewer donations and if the station material was obscene, offensive or indecent the public and the Federal government would never cooperate with the station, and
- WHEREAS: Channel 2, since its inception, has shown programs which have been most acceptable to the general public, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the Federal Communications Commission to renew the license of WGBH-Channel 2 and to further commend Channel 2 for their dedication to public service through the media.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

Order #3

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E. Vellucci resolutions on the license renewal
of WGBH-Channel 2.

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